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1. On 4 April 1952, source watched the parade held in Budapest on occasion of the celebration of Hungary's liberation by the Russians. Source, who stood on Dózsa György Street, 600 meters northwest of Heroes' Square could not see all the units participating in the parade, because some of them took a different route.
2. While the last of the five formations of aircraft were flying past, a company carrying old Hungarian flags from 1848 and 1919 passed source's position. This company was followed by a company of drummers and company of cadets. Subsequently, 22 companies of various branches of the service, six of them armed with submachine guns, and the others with model M 48 rifles, marched past 12 abreast. The marching troops were followed by motorized artillery and mortar units. The equipment observed included 9 guns drawn by weapon carriers, apparently 15-mm caliber AT guns; 9 artillery pieces towed by 3-ton ZIS trucks, probably 85-mm AT guns; 9 single-axle mortars of 160 or 120-mm caliber towed by trucks; 4 artillery pieces towed by trucks, apparently model 1938 122-mm field howitzers; 9 artillery pieces towed by trucks, probably model 1943 152-mm field howitzers; 4 rocket launchers mounted on ZIS trucks, probably model 13 132-mm rocket launchers; 20 artillery pieces mounted on two-axle undercarriages, apparently 37-mm AA guns; 20 artillery pieces of undetermined type of an estimated caliber of 40 to 50 mm also mounted on two-axle undercarriages; 18 two-axle artillery pieces, probably model 31/37 122-mm field guns towed by two-axle trucks; and 18 artillery pieces of an undetermined type towed by prime movers having treads. * They were followed by two tanks, probably of type T 34; 18 SP guns, probably SU-76 guns; and about 20 tanks, probably of types T-34 and JS.
3. The foot soldiers participating in the parade wore Soviet type steel helmets painted dark green and bearing the coat of arms of the Hungarian People's Republic on the front. The RM wore a shirt-like blouse with a collar and collar patches, buttoned cuffs and breast patch pockets. The epaulets were of the same material as the shirts. The officers wore blouses with a collar, collar patches and golden epaulets with stripes in the respective service colors and five-pointed stars to denote their ranks. ***

- 25X1A * Comment. Rocket launcher units have been observed for the first time in Hungary.
- 25X1A ** Comment. The data on the uniforms observed during the parade are consistent with available information.

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